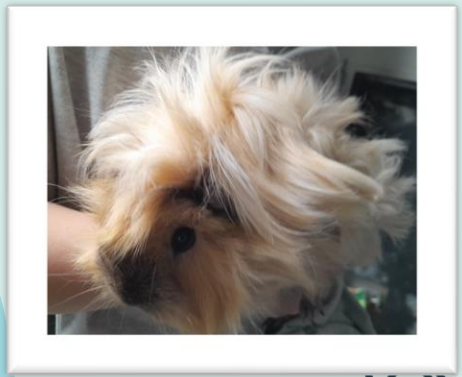
NEPTUNE NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Headteacher Updates

This month at our school has been full of activity and connection. We kicked things off with a successful Children in Need cake sale, raising £153.56 to support a great cause. We were delighted to welcome Charlotte to our team and took time to reflect on Armistice Day with a moment of silence.

Classes explored the history and traditions of Bonfire Night and during Anti-Bullying Week (10–14 November 2025) we focused on the importance of kindness and respect. Our newly elected Pupil Council began sharing exciting ideas for the year ahead, and we also learned about men's health through Movember, encouraging conversations that make a difference. As December approaches, we're looking forward to our Christmas Fayre and Winter celebrations.



Safeguarding Team

Julie Norris – Headteacher /DSL 0330 135 8202
Jamie Wright – Deputy Head/ DDSL 0330 135 8202

Darren Jackson :07587747868
Operations Manager (Senior Education Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Key Dates

Dec 11 — Christmas Jumper Day

Dec 16 — Christmas Craft Fayre

Dec 18 — Pupil Christmas Lunch

Dec 19 — Last Day of Term

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SPOTTED IN NEPTUNE

Pupil's Gallery

Sophie Megan Sarah

THERAPIES TEAM

This month, we thought we'd share a bit about PACE and why Pheonix uses this approach across all their settings. At Phoenix, relationships are at the heart of everything we do. We know that children learn best when they feel safe, understood, and valued. That's why we use PACE, an approach developed by clinical psychologist Dan Hughes, to guide the way we connect with our pupils. It's a therapeutic approach designed to build trust, strengthen relationships, and support emotional growth in children.

What does PACE stand for?

PACE stands for Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, and Empathy. These four qualities shape how adults interact with children, helping them feel secure and supported as they grow both academically and emotionally.

Playfulness brings joy and lightness into the classroom, making learning fun and reducing anxiety. Play is often a child's prefer way to connect and can help a relationship feel safe.

Acceptance means we value each child for who they are, even when they are experiencing big feelings.

Curiosity allows us to wonder together about feelings and choices, encouraging reflection without judgment.

Empathy ensures that children feel heard and understood, building trust and resilience.

Why It Matters in Pheonix?

Creating safety: PACE helps children feel secure, valued, and understood — essential for learning.

Supporting emotional regulation: It gives team members tools to respond calmly and compassionately to our pupils' feelings.

Building resilience: Children learn to trust adults and other pupils, which fosters confidence and independence.

Promoting inclusion: Every child's voice and experience is respected, reducing feelings of isolation.

We are looking forward to seeing those who can make it at the Christmas Fayre. Do feel free to come and have a chat about any of the content we've written about in the school newsletters!

The Therapies team, Sophie, Sarah & Meg.

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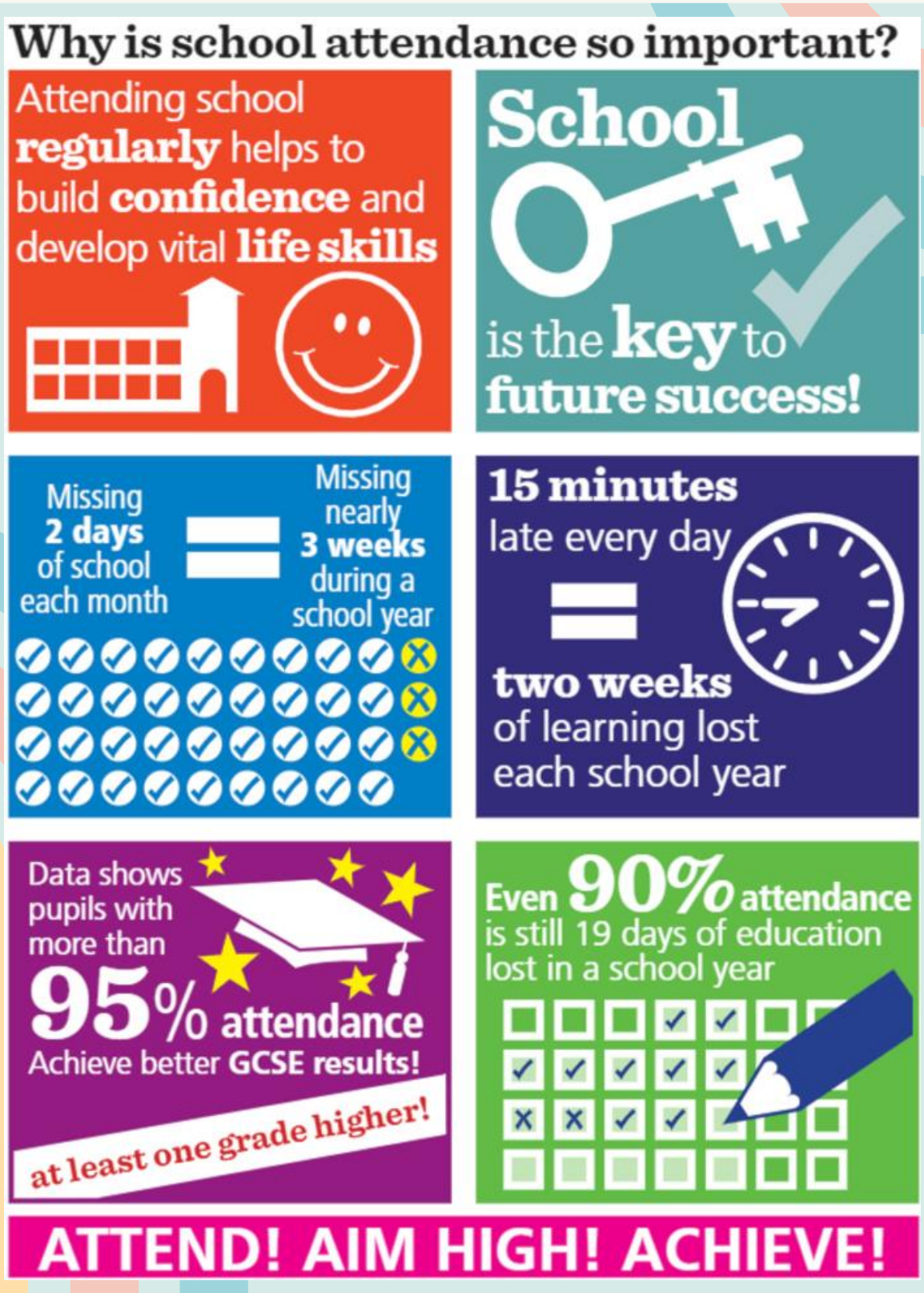
ATTENDANCE

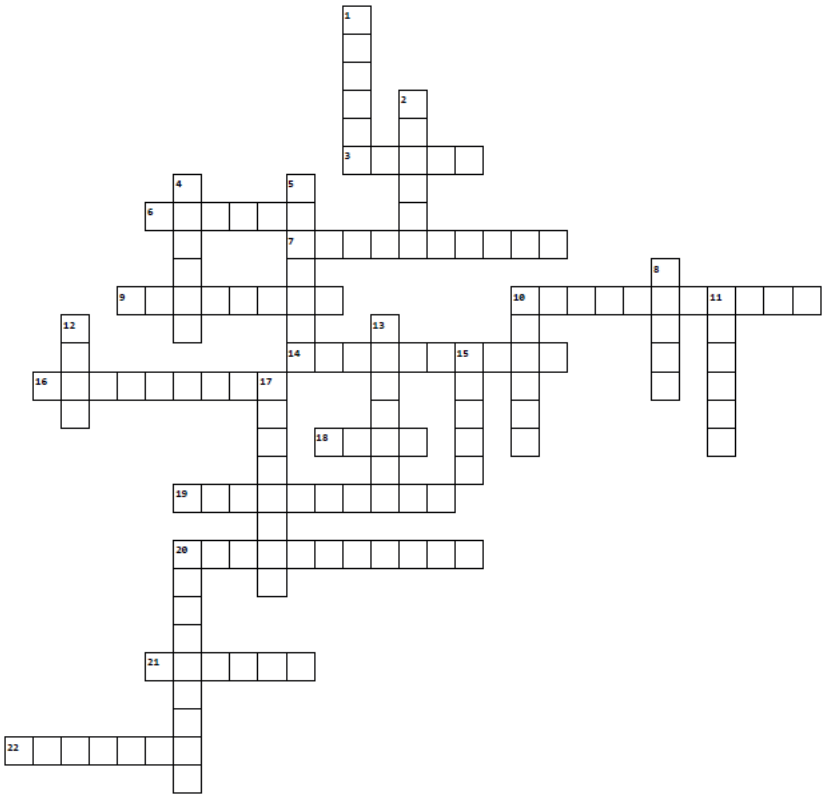
Attendance at Neptune School is now 80%!

That's a fantastic **9% improvement** compared to this time last year. Every day in school matters: good attendance helps you learn more, achieve your goals, and enjoy all the great things happening here. Let's keep aiming higher together!



ALFIE'S QUIZZES

Weekly Crossword 20/11/25

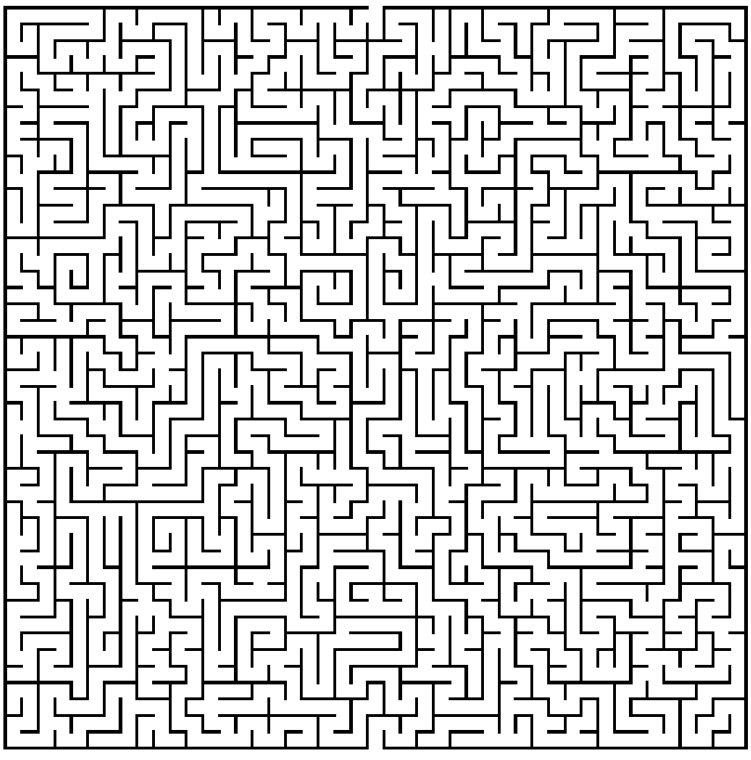


Across

3. Same here! (5)
6. I.E Crosswords, Word Searches, Mazes (6)
7. Bike? (10)
9. Bishop movement (8)
10. Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter (4,7)
14. Days 'till Christmas (as of writing) (6-4)
16. Decision (9)
18. Appearance & manner (4)
19. Informational update? (10)
20. I.E X,Y,Z (11)
21. Old one (anag.) (6)
22. Check-in (anag.) (7)

Down

1. Irrelevant (6)
2. Superior (6)
4. Terrible-smelling fruit (6)
5. Leftover (7)
8. Connections (5)
10. I.O.U (6)
11. Hard to keep (sometimes) - Santa? (6)
12. Opus (anag.) (4)
13. Triple-pointed spear (7)
15. Blame - Malfunction (5)
17. Bank (8)
20. Non-vowel (9)



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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

2025-2026

Neptune School

Key
School Holidays
Inset Days
Bank Holidays

September '25

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October '25

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June '26

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July '26

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August '26

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